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For: DIRECT THERMAL IMAGING ON PLASTIC FILM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated March 30, 2006, please consider the following remarks. Applicants respectfully request this response be considered by the Examiner and a timely Notice of Allowance issued in this application.

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As an initial matter, the Applicant expresses his sincere thanks for the telephone conference with the Examiner on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 to discuss the grounds of the final rejection, and in particular, the objection to claims 5-13 and clarification of the claims subject to the objection. In discussing this matter with the Examiner, it was discovered that the Examiner had mistakenly assumed a chain of dependency for claims 5-13. However, only claims 5-8 are in the chain of dependency; dependent claims 10-12 depend from independent claim 9 and claim 13 is also an independent claim, with no dependent claims. The Examiner acknowledged this and stated that claims 9-13 should also have been allowed in the Final Office